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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 24 - 5 a. m. - The storm area has moved down the coast and is now central of lower Oregon, and its movement has caused a vast area of low pressure extending from the Pacific to the valley of the Mississippi; the weather is chiefly fair and cold; rain has fallen on the American coast, and snow and sleet inland from Cariboo southward. In the Northwest fair weather prevails and a cold wave covers the entire region.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity - Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland - Light winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria - Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 8 miles N.W.; rain, .04; weather, fair.

New Westminster - Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles N.E.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops - Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 16; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barkerville - Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 6; minimum, zero; wind, calm; snow, .30; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco - Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 58; minimum, 54; wind, 22 miles S.W.; rain, .28; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver - Mrs. Archer, B. W. Powell, C. P. Webster, T. A. Johnston, J. B. Phillips, Miss Polley, W. H. Bishop, C. Levy, G. Matthews, A. Hart, and wife, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Whittam, Mrs. Thorn, Miss S. Thora, J. H. Willis, Miss Robinson, J. Kelly, Wm. Henderson, C. E. Ross, C. J. Josey, Joe Michell, Mrs. Miller, S. Stevenson, J. A. Howe, Miss Robertson, Miss Noble, Jeff Irwin, Miss Gordon, G. A. Keefer, Douglas Tuck, Miss Smith, A. Wilson, Miss Lelanaw, Miss Wood, A. Russell, Miss Richards, H. W. Nibby, W. Murray, G. McFee, Stanley Johnson, G. E. Karl, - Wales, H. E. A. Robertson, J. Paddon, J. Foster, H. Smith, H. Murray, Miss Turner, C. Wurtel, A. Hartley, H. C. Hampton and wife, A. Dismore, Mrs. Winebank, R. V. Homes, G. H. Noble, C. Rowen, Miss Bowen, G. Burnett and wife, R. J. Jantion and wife, G. Swan, A. Faulds, Miss B. Fraser, Mrs. McDermott, F. H. McKee, W. Haggart, Steve Jones, F. J. Meher, S. Grippman, E. A. Ramsay, Dr. and Mrs. Baird, T. Beasley and wife, W. E. Boyd and wife, H. S. Hoar and wife, H. H. Morris, A. S. Turner, A. C. Marshall, Miss Butchart, Miss Hatchart, Mrs. Probert, E. Simpson, J. Faude, C. S. Chowey, D. E. Kerr, S. B. Carme, O. Bell, P. Cochran, Mrs. Baird, G. Adam, J. D. Townley, Mrs. Townley, T. B. Hadam, Mrs. and Miss Cane.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle - D. E. Squires, Mrs. Anna Squires, C. V. Anderson, Miss B. Christensen, Lorenzo M. Benson, Geo. Maupin, Wm. Bosence, Dora Sanna, L. A. Sandre, Mrs. F. Perry, Hector Longpre, F. Jacobsen, T. Vogel, H. W. Brown, Wm. Lewtas, Thos. Dunn, E. J. Cameron, Mrs. E. J. Cameron, J. S. Cameron, R. Stewart, J. L. Hay, Adella A. Haynes, C. H. Hopkins, W. Van Horne, E. Williams, R. B. Beeve, G. Compton, G. M. Spaulding, Jas. A. Sweeney, V. E. Gillespie, H. R. Belton.

Per steamer Queen from San Francisco - H. F. Marne and son, Miss M. K. Kelly, J. F. Gordon, W. Ireland, J. McIntyre, R. Dennisson, A. R. Tutts.

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FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

SPECIAL PROGRAMME HAS BEEN PREPARED

Sermons Appropriate to the Day Will Be Delivered by the City Pastors.

To-morrow, Christmas Day, special music, appropriate to the season, will be rendered in the city churches. Sermons in keeping with the day will be delivered. The hours of services and the musical programmes are published below:

CHURCH OF OUR LORD.

Services at 11 and 7, with sermons by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge and Rev. H. J. Wood respectively. The music for to-morrow is as follows:

Morning.

Organ - Pastoral Symphony Handel

Opening Hymn 83

Venite and Psalms - As Set for Christmas Day 83

Te Deum Dykes

Benedictus Dykes

Anthem - The Glory of the Lord Simper

Hymn 87

Solo - The First Christmas Morn Mrs. Moresby.

Evening.

Organ - There Were Shepherds Godfrey

Psalms - As Set for Christmas Day Turner

Magnificat Turner

Nunc Dimittis Turner

Hymns 87 and 83

Introit - In David's Royal City Trio - Hearts Feel That Love Thee Mendelssohn

Post - Gloria, Edgar Faust.

Song - O, Holy Night Mrs. Heincken.

Anthem - Glory of the Lord Simper

Hymn 86

Vesper Hymn Sullivan

Organ - Hallelujah Chorus Handel

ST. BARNABAS'S.

Holy eucharist at 8 and 9 a. m., matins 10.30 a. m., choir eucharist at 11 a. m., evensong at 7 p. m. Preachers, morning, Rev. E. G. Miller; evening, Rev. S. R. Anderson, chaplain. H. M. S. Bonaventure. The music follows:

Morning.

Voluntary - Offertory C. Simper

Processional Hymn - Christians Awake Agnus and Benedictus Simper in E Flat

Communion Hymns 313 and 322

Post Communion Hymn 565

Nunc Dimittis St. John

Postlude - Hallelujah Chorus Mozart

Evening.

Voluntary - Gloria in Excelsis, 12th Mass Mozart

Psalms for Day - As Set Magnificat Clare in E Flat

Nunc Dimittis Clare in E Flat

Anthem - Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings E. A. Clare

Processional Hymn - Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Hymns 50 and 62

Vesper Hymn - Lord Keep Us Safe Offertory Carol - Softly Fell the Shades of Evening F. J. Sawyer

ST. JAMES'S.

Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Holy communion at 8, matins and sermon at 11, holy communion at 12, children's service at 3, evensong and sermon at 7. Special collection at the 11 o'clock service for the Clergy V. & O. fund. The music follows:

Morning.

Organ Voluntary 61

Hymn Cathedral Psalter

Venite and Psalms Cathedral Psalter

Te Deum 1st Setting, Cathedral Psalter

Benedictus Woodward

Kyrie and Gloria Tibi Woodward

Anthem - Break Forth Into Joy Simper

Hymns 60 and 58

Organ Voluntary 62 and 58

Evening.

Organ Voluntary 50

Hymn Cathedral Psalter

Psalms Cathedral Psalter

Magnificat Barby

Nunc Dimittis Felton

Vesper Hymn M. S.

Organ Voluntary M. S.

ST. SAVIOUR'S.

Preacher, morning and evening, Rev. C. E. Cooper, M. A. Holy communion, 8 and 11 a. m.; evensong, 7 p. m. The music follows:

Morning.

Organ Prelude 61

Proclamation Hymn 61

Venite and Psalms Dr. Crotch

Proper Psalms - XIX, XLV, CXXXII

Te Deum Cathedral Psalter

Benedictus Woodward

Kyrie and Gloria Tibi Woodward

Anthem - Break Forth Into Joy Simper

Hymns 60 and 58

Evening.

Organ Prelude - Shepherd's Song Haydn

Proclamation Hymn 60

Proper Psalms - LXXXIX, CX, CXXXII

Magnificat Battisfield

Nunc Dimittis Barby

Anthem - Break Forth Into Joy Simper

Hymns 62 and 58

ST. JOHN'S.

Preachers, morning, Rev. Percival Jeuns; evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard. The music follows:

Matins.

Organ - Pastoral Symphony Handel

Venite Cathedral Psalter

Te Deum Cathedral Psalter

Jubilate Sullivan in D

Anthem - Glory to God Clarke

Solo, Miss M. Todd.

Kyrie Ard in D Flat

Gloria Tibi Tallis, No. 3

Hymns 50, 60 and 87

Organ - Pastorale Grison

Evening.

Organ - Noel Gullmant

Psalms Cathedral Psalter

Magnificat Christopher Marks

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening at the usual hours, 11 and 7. At the evening service a lecture will be delivered, subject, "The Advent of Jesus Into the World." The Junior Christian Endeavor Society meets at 10 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Special preparations for Christmas services have been made by the superintendent, teachers and scholars of the Sabbath school, to which all are invited. The musical selections by the choir are all appropriate for the day and are as follows:

Morning.

Hymn 320

Anthem - Hark, the Herald Angels Sing C. B. Adams

Soprano Solo, Mrs. J. Legg. 29

Hymn 29

Solo - The Blessed Birth - Homer A. Norris Mrs. H. Briggs.

Evening.

Hymn 320

Anthem - Peace, the Welcome Sound F. A. Fillmore

Hymn 318

Evening.

Hymn 26

Anthem - Rejoice, O Daughter of Zion T. M. Patterson

Soprano Solo, Miss M. Wilson.

Hymn 444

Solo - O'er the Hills of Bethlehem Nevill

Miss B. Howell.

Hymn 546

Anthem - Behold I Bring You Good Tidings E. S. Lorenz

Bass Solo, W. Macdonald; Tenor Solo, G. H. Redman.

Hymn 34

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.

Special Christmas services will be held, morning at 11, evening at 7. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will be the preacher. The church has been beautifully decorated and the following music will be rendered:

Morning.

Voluntary - The Silver Trumpets Viviani

Hymn 34

Anthem - While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks Best

Bass Solo, D. B. Christopher.

Hymns 31, 32 and 28

Offertory - The Shepherds Watch Lewis

Solo - Christmas Noel Adams

Voluntary - Festal March Gullmant

Evening.

Voluntary - Fantasia on Christmas Awake Hazard

Anthem - O Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings Stainer

Soprano Solo, Miss Bishop; Tenor and Bass Duet, Messrs. J. L. Gibson and S. McCoy.

Hymns 30, 33 and 26

Solo - Nazareth Gounod

J. Griffiths.

Offertory - The Pastoral Symphony Handel

Solo - Night of Nights Vandewater

Mrs. Campbell.

Anthem - Like Silver Lamps Barnby

Soprano Solo, Mrs. W. E. Staneland; Tenor Solo, G. H. Redman.

Voluntary - Hallelujah Chorus Handel

METROPOLITAN METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will preach morning and evening. Classes at the usual hour. Special music will be rendered at the services. Gideon Hicks will sing a solo in the morning. In the evening solos will be given by Mrs. G. J. Burnett and Mrs. Gideon Hicks. The music for to-morrow's services follows:

Morning.

Anthem - O Come, All Ye Faithful Novello

Hymn 142

Prayer

Anthem - Sweetly Through Another Night Shelley

Lesson - John L. L. 18

Announcements

Hymns 143

Sermon - The Incarnation The Pastor

Solo - Star of Bethlehem Adams

Gideon Hicks.

Hymn 143

Benediction

Evening.

Doxology 146

Hymn

Prayer

Anthem - How Lovely Are the Stars Mendelssohn

Lesson - Matthew II

Solo - It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Burnett

Mrs. J. G. Burnett.

Hymns 133

Announcements

Quartet - Glory to God in the Highest Metropolitan Male Quartette.

Sermon - The Star of Bethlehem. The Pastor

Solo - The Outcast Jude

Mrs. Gideon Hicks.

Collection and Anthem - Awake, Awake

Hymns 25

Benediction

CENTENNIAL METHODIST.

Special Christmas services. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Westman, will speak at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning all parents and children and friends are invited. In the evening a special song service by the choir of 35 voices will be rendered. The addresses at each service will be in keeping with the day. Special decorations for the occasion. The evening programme follows:

Hymn Stayer

Prayer

Anthem - Hark, the Glad Sound E. V. Hall

Lesson

Solo - Star of Bethlehem Adams

Miss Kayton.

Hymn

Sermon - On Sunday the pastor, R. J. McIntyre, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "God Manifest in the Flesh"; evening, God's Christmas Gift to the World." Sunday school and Bible class in the afternoon at 2.30.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Herman A. Carson, B. A., will occupy the pulpit at both services. Morning theme of sermon, "The Unifier of Mankind"; evening, "Pessimism vs. Optimism." Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Musical arrangements are as follows:

Morning.

Hymns 88, 87, 83 and 94

Solo - The First Christmas Morn Ernest Newton

Hymn E. D. Kimball.

Anthem - Calm on the Listening Ear E. L. Ashford

Choir.

Evening.

Hymns 84, 90 and 171

Anthem - There Were Shepherds

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As Monday is to be observed as a holiday two matinees will be given, commencing at 2.30. The bill for next week is described as an All laughing show, one of the best that can be put together for the money. Every act is a star act, and it is safe to prophesy that no bill yet presented has given greater satisfaction than will the offering for the coming week. E. J. Applegate is the king of benjo soloists. Fine and Dandy, comedy acrobats; Murphy and Andrews in a comedy sketch, and Wm. Weiss, character comedian, will furnish amusement; and the Kalmos, Charles and Ada, lightning change and character dancers, have the Sermon - The Incarnation. The Pastor Solo - Star of Bethlehem. Adams Gideon Hicks.

Hymn 143

Benediction

Evening.

Doxology 146

Hymn

Prayer

Anthem - How Lovely Are the Stars Mendelssohn

Lesson - Matthew II

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Mrs. J. G. Burnett.

Hymns 133

Announcements

Quartet - Glory to God in the Highest Metropolitan Male Quartette.

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Collection and Anthem - Awake, Awake

Hymns 25

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Christmas Eve once more! Throw down your implements of toil, cast aside the mantle of labor, forget for a season the sentence that was imposed upon mankind after that first transgression, and enter us little children into the spirit of the day that brought hope anew into the world. Let us join Santa Claus in holding high revelry for another fractional part of the brief allotted span. Time enough to think of broken circles, desolate demences where love once was king, and empty places by the Christmas fire-side when little stockings are filled and small hearts which but lately were bursting with excitement in anticipation of the mysterious midnight visitor are beating placidly beneath the warm counterpane.

As Monday has been proclaimed a public holiday owing to the great annual festival falling upon Sunday, there will be no issue of the Times on what is usually the first working day of the week. The staff of the Times wishes the friends and readers of the paper a very merry, joyous and happy Christmas.

A GRAY GOOSE QUILL.

Manitoba, we now have reason to believe, produces something besides No. 1 hard, the finest wheat in the world—the product that is now greatly coveted by the Americans, the people who above all others in the world know a good thing when they see it. These lines are written by a pen manufactured from a quill taken from the wing of a gray goose, thoughtfully and fittingly forwarded by the Winnipeg Free Press as a feathered reminder of the fact that there is the best of sport as well as the hardest work to be had in what is now rapidly ceasing to be a Great Lone Land. We in British Columbia have a few game birds in our fields and in our woods, but we envy the prairie dwellers their gray geese. We see occasional specimens here when they come down to feed on their way to the southern feeding grounds. But they do not appear in such numbers as to warrant those who earn their bread by the scribble of the pen to discard typewriters and resort to the implement with which the great thinkers of past times recorded their majestic thoughts and sublime sentiments. Our Winnipeg contemporary is enterprising and progressive. Its Yule-tide souvenirs are always appropriate to the place from which they emanated. Winnipeg at its present rate of progress will in a few years become the principal commercial city in Canada. The Northwest may also become the centre of political influence. When that time comes Victoria will be the Mecca of all who, having made their fortunes in agricultural and commercial pursuits, desire to pass the remainder of their days in a clime where the flowers bloom in midwinter and the snows rarely fall, as the souvenir and the season's greetings the Times has sent to its contemporaries are intended to intimate.

BLANK SOUTHGATE, ESQ.

The Times is in receipt of a letter signed simply "Southgate," and from the tone of the document we fear the writer is not going to spend a very merry Christmas. He does not seem to have met with the success he anticipated in this new land, and consequently is inclined to revile at the conditions and to scoff at the people he believes to be responsible for them. Fortunate as we are, generally, high as the standard of living and of comfort may be compared with the great crowded centres where poverty is conspicuous because it is practically all-pervading, it is no doubt possible that there are some with us to whom this Christmas time will bring but little good cheer. To those who are so unfortunate as to be denied the labor they diligently seek we may say that the door of opportunity is not always respectively opened at the first knock. If "Southgate" be not the product of the abnormal, unnatural and ridiculous systems to which we alluded yesterday as prevailing in the Old Land, we can assure him that if he possesses his soul in patience his opportunity will come. If body, soul and spirit be willing, the labor he goes after and scolds because it is denied, will yet be forthcoming. If, on the other hand, "Southgate" be not of the stuff of which successful men are made, we fear he will sink into the place that is prepared for all slothful and incompetent misfits, reviling and scoffing till the end.

MAN AND BEAST.

It seems from the testimony of witnesses given before the committee that is investigating the fitness of Mr. Smoot to sit in the United States Senate that even in Utah, where there is every latitude for the man in search of marital felicity—that even in Mormonism there is room for a divorce court. As an excuse for the toleration of polygamous practices it has been urged that the prevalence of divorce cases was a disgrace to the American people. Now even that excuse has been removed. What apology still remains for the disgusting practices of the Mormons we do not know. It will possibly be contended that the evidence against Smoot was principally extracted from wives who had been supplanted in the affections of their enterprising spouses by younger women. It appears the class who had lost some of their youthful attractions through the operations of time and hard work were not disposed to be satisfied with the honor of

to give up their old-time positions as heads of their households to the newest fancies of the lordly male. Not unnaturally, perhaps, the matrimonial habit as it multiplied its desires caused trouble in many families. In fact, the female Mormon, it is clear, is not so enthusiastic a Mormonite as her wiser half. But, like the pilots of Victoria, she does not care to speak out and declare her side of the case. There are penalties, not always imaginary, hanging over her head. It might not be discreet for her to declare her impression, gathered from dear-bought experience, that Mormonism is a creation or invention of a set of creatures lower in the scale of animalism than the average of the beasts of the field.

Railway companies doing business in Canada have discovered that rails made in this country are just as good as can be secured from any other source. A dispatch from Montreal says the steel rail industry in Ontario has never received an endorsement tending so much to establish its permanency as when Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, announced that in future the big railway will buy all its rails in Canada. The announcement marks the close of a particularly interesting controversy between Sir Thomas and the leading officials of the Lake Superior corporation. At the outset Sir Thomas contended that standard rails could not be manufactured in Canada, and how entirely he has changed his views, so far as the big Ontario plant is concerned, is shown by his announcement. During the controversy both companies readily agreed to accept the reports of an investigation to be made by Capt. Hunt, of Chicago, a leading steel rail expert. After spending some time at the "Soo" he reported that no better rail was manufactured anywhere in America, and the Canadian Pacific at once accepted all the specifications of the company. The annual requirements of the line for renewal work alone would keep the "Soo" mill in operation for three months each year. A contract for 3,000 tons has been signed with the Pere Marquette railway, and one for 4,000 with the Michigan Central. The rails are for the lines of both companies in Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has placed with the Algoma Steel Company an order for 25,000 tons of eighty-foot rails for prompt delivery. Thus are we establishing ourselves as a manufacturing nation.

Toronto Star: How can Christmas be mournful? We may grow older every year, but the world grows younger every Christmas; even the loved ones, who have gone before, come back at Christmas and sit in their vacant chairs, not waned and sad of aspect, but smiling, as they warm themselves in our thoughts, and struggle into the happy circle. And under the spell of that Christmas spirit which sweetens the past and glorifies eternity, we can look at them without sorrow, realizing that they are lost only for a little while. What other day can compare with Christmas to soften hard hearts and deliver men to their best impulses. All the opulence of human affection is released by its tender associations. Love, joy, charity, faith abound. Let the coldest man abandon himself to its enchantment, and he is a past, in love with the love that makes the world go around. And since the heart leaps to wisdom more quickly than the mind, Christmas teaches us to understand that God is love.

As we anticipated, New York State is at a loss to know what to do with Miss Nan Patterson. The authorities appear to have some doubts as to the propriety or the utility of continuing the burlesque attempt to administer justice.

THE OLD MAN'S CHRISTMAS.
(Holman F. Day in "Country Life in America.")

So you trilled me, sonny? I had some doubt that you'd see me leavin' when I slipped out.

One garbled old fellow more or less Ain't much in a Christmas party's pros. And I'll stay, if I may, my good boy John, here in your kitchen until they're gone. I haven't got used to your city folk. I'd rather stay here for a quiet smoke, Rockin' and thinkin' and dreamin', lad. For I'm only a sort of a kitchen daff. It's a handsome sight, your house, to-night. But I haven't been missin' it, bub, a mite. My sittin' here alone for a while, for I reckon your neighbors ain't just my style.

I'm proud of my boy who has won his way in the world to the place where he stands to-day.

Your mother and I, we didn't begreth Boostin' you high as your 'arms could stretch.

Poor mother! If only your marm was here! Christmas ain't Christmas now, my dear; for it's hard to relish the fun, Boy John, with your mother gone.

LITTLE BROTHER'S BASKET.
Newark News.

My little brudder's awful red—en soft, ist like elastic.

He hasn't got a really bed, en so he has a bastick.

Thur's bows en pretties, made up duff, en lots of wraps en cover.

But little brudder kicks 'em off en holters out for muvver.

W'en I had dresses en a bib I didn't lick or cry—

I had a crib, a boardin' crib, 'at rocked away up high;

It had a top ist like a gig, en rollers where you rolled it.

En w'en I got all growed up big, why, then we went en sold it!

Ma said it wouldn't do no more for great big me to sleep in;

Pa said it ist took up the floor en wasn't wort the keepin'.

En w'en w'en I was gone, one day, a visitin' Uncle Ned,

My little brudder come to stay, en thur wasn't any bed!

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En don't he from the covers bed? En don't he kick and cry?

En don't I know what makes him mad? He want's a crib—at's why!

of the Coast and approved by the A. K. C. shall have all the powers and privileges of the old board.

This concedes to the Coast a board nominated by the clubs of the Coast and representative of the Coast, a concession the importance of which should not be underestimated, and which removes a serious grievance of many years' standing.

In the new board every section of the Coast will be represented. Clubs will feel that they have a personal interest in the board, and that in their delegate they are not merely a representative in, but a friend on the board, who may be relied on to promote and protect the interests of their part of the Coast.

2. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the Pacific advisory board the body of representatives shall at once hold a meeting and shall send the names of three men whom it would suggest to fill the vacancy to the advisory board. The advisory board shall choose from these three names the one which in its opinion will make the most suitable member. Such nominee to be approved of by the A. K. C.

N. B.—If the advisory board is to be a success its members must not be merely representatives, but must be men who work harmoniously together. As the nominees of the body of representatives are approved by the A. K. C. and as the latter can be relied upon to approve only gentlemen in whom they have absolute confidence, a harmonious advisory board is assured.

The Body of Representatives.

2. The body of representatives shall consist of a delegate from each show giving club, a member of the A. K. C. This body shall meet in San Francisco and nominate by ballot seven men as members of the Pacific advisory board. The California clubs shall nominate three members, the Oregon club two members and the Washington club two members. (This ratio has been fixed by the number of clubs in each state. California has eight clubs, Oregon two, and Washington two.) These seven nominations shall be sent by the secretary of the body of representatives to the secretary of the advisory board. (For further proceedings see Sec. 1 Advisory board.)

This body of representatives shall be recognized by the Pacific advisory board and shall be empowered to hold meetings at such places as the body of representatives may see fit and make such representations and recommendations to the Pacific advisory board from time to time as in the body's opinion are desirable. It is hoped that by this means the advisory board may be kept in touch with the Coast fanciers, a great majority of whom belong to no club and who in the past have had no official way of making suggestions to or bringing grievances before the advisory board.

N. B.—A show giving club is a club having no fixed day or organized for the purpose of holding, all breed dog shows. A specialty club holding a show confined to its breed will not be considered a show giving club. These changes will not affect the local club to any extent. Shows will be held annually as heretofore, the only difference being that Canadian Kennel regulations—much similar to those of the Western Kennel League—will be enforced. It is expected that the association of Vancouver and New Westminster will take the same action as Victoria.

WILL JOIN THE CANADIAN LEAGUE

DECISION OF THE LOCAL KENNEL CLUB

Has Withdrawn From Western Association, Which Will Probably Go Out of Existence.

The Victoria Kennel Club no longer owes allegiance to the Western Kennel Association. It has been decided by local fanciers to sever all connection with the latter body. This action was taken owing to the fact that the California clubs have gone over to the American Kennel League, which practically means that the W. K. C. will go out of existence. In fact, not only have the California associations declared for the A. K. C., but Portland has followed suit, and it is altogether probable that Washington fanciers will do the same.

The matter was thoroughly considered at the recent meeting of the Victoria club, when it was thought best to desert the W. K. C., and British Columbia being altogether outside the jurisdiction of the A. K. C., join the Canadian Kennel League. Another meeting of the local club will be held early in January to arrange details and transact general business.

Secretary McConnell has received several communications from Norman J. Stewart, secretary of the Western Kennel Association, explaining the unexpected action of California clubs and the circumstances that led up to their decision to amalgamate with the A. K. C. He points out that the power placed in the hands of a Pacific advisory board appointed by the American Kennel League make so many concessions to the Western clubs that they are practically given the management of Coast shows. This was all that any of them desired, and, therefore, it was generally thought advisable to join the parent association.

Mr. Stewart also forwards the appended statement:

1. The Pacific advisory board shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be nominated by the California clubs, two by the Oregon clubs and two by the Washington clubs, in the manner specified under Sec. 2 by the body of representatives. These nominations shall be sent through the advisory board to the American Kennel Club for approval. On approval by the A. K. C. of those nominations the nominees shall take their seats on the advisory board, and this new board, nominated by the clubs

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.
NEW WESTMINSTER.

"Fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman," so says the American wild man at large on Sumas prairie. A man, whose name is not known, is on the prairie with a gun, a club and a badly disordered imagination. This combination might make things hot for residents in that part of the district, and Capt. Pittendriph, S. M., has received a letter notifying him of the presence of the lunatic in that vicinity. He is supposed to be an escaped inmate of one of the hospitals for the insane on the other side of the boundary line, and it is likely that the provincial police will take up the matter with the demented man and return him to his native soil.—Columbian.

VANCOUVER.
Dr. R. E. McKeehan returned on Thursday from a two months' trip in the East, partly on business and partly for pleasure. During his absence, he visited the World's Fair at St. Louis, Salt Lake City and other places of note. He was also in Toronto, where he found the weather very cold, and it made him feel glad to get back to British Columbia's milder and more agreeable climate.

"It was feared on Thursday that F. M. Cowperthwaite, principal of Dawson school, had been the victim of a shooting accident, but developments proved that he had only been overcome by a fit of sickness," says the News-Advertiser.

Mr. Cowperthwaite is an ardent sportsman, and on Wednesday morning took the early train to Lulu Island to hunt ducks. Not returning in the evening, as was his wont, considerable anxiety was felt by Mrs. Cowperthwaite, and on Thursday morning J. H. Carlisle, chief of the fire department, a personal friend, and C. H. Barker, electrician at No. 2 hall, drove out to Lulu Island. They searched all day but found no trace of the missing man, but on arriving at Brighouse station toward evening, they met George B. Harris, of this city, who had been out shooting and who gave them definite information. Mr. Harris said that when he had gone out on Thursday morning his attention was attracted by calls from Mr. Cowperthwaite, who was found underneath a tree. He had been overcome by an acute bilious attack, and being alone was unable to help himself, and had spent the night in the open. Mr. Harris had assisted Mr. Cowperthwaite to a neighboring farm house, where he was seen by Chief

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MILITARY NEWS AND GOSSIP

As will be seen by the appended regimental orders, which give a list of the candidates successful in the recent examinations, twenty-three of those who tried qualified. Only four who attended the school of instruction will not be given the certificates entitling the holder to the rank of non-commissioned officer. Two of these did not complete the course, leaving only two failing to secure the required percentage. Lieut.-Colonel Hall, Capt. McConnan and Major Hibben, the examining officers, express themselves gratified at these most satisfactory results. The same feeling prevails amongst all other militia officers, and, in fact, throughout the regiment.

Some difficulty was experienced this year in instructing and examining the large number of candidates presenting themselves. If as many desire to take the course in the next school it is the intention of the officers in charge to make a different arrangement.

The regimental orders issued by Lieut.-Colonel Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment follows:

The following extract from G. O. No. 103, November 7th, 1904, is published for information: "Fifth British Columbia Regiment, Prov. Lieut. J. A. McFarish is permitted to retire, 10th October, 1904."

The following man having been granted his discharge is struck off the strength of the regiment: No. 208, Gr. W. W. Gabriel, December 14th.

All drills will be discontinued from this date until Monday, the 9th January, 1905, when each company will parade on their respective drill nights.

The regular monthly meeting of the officers will be held in the mess rooms, drill hall, on Thursday, January 5th, at 8.30 p. m. Dress, walking out.

The drill hall will be closed from Monday, 22nd, to Saturday, 31st inclusive, 1905.

A Times London correspondent says: "Viscount Bury, First Battalion Scots Guards, son and heir of the Earl of Aberdeen, has been appointed to the 5th side-camp to East Grey. The Viscount, who is a relative of Capt. Colin Keppel, D.S.O., late commander of H. M. S. Grafton, has served in the Guards for nearly four years."

Commenting on the rumored withdrawal of Imperial forces from Halifax and Work Point, and the garrisoning of these points with Canadian regulars, the Canadian Military Gazette says: "It seems that the oft-talked-of withdrawal of the British garrisons from Halifax and Esquimaux is again under discussion. It is comforting to know that Sir Frederick Borden says he has heard nothing of it (officially we presume), but nevertheless it is discussed and approved by many well-deserving Canadians. These gentlemen have no desire whatever to weaken the Imperialist, and rest their approval on the fact that Great Britain already bears far more than her share of the general burden, and that it is high time Canada constituted a larger part."

"That to garrison Halifax and Esquimaux with Canadian troops is the best way of relieving Britain of some of her overplus we most emphatically question. These two important naval bases must be strongly held; the present force in occupation of each is probably the minimum, and as it is, the local militia train with the regulars at each point every year, in order to supplement them in case of war. These being the facts an exchange of Canadian for British troops would mean the raising of a force of hard upon two thousand men."

As it is, Britain has a certain number of trained men which is necessary for her to maintain. A part of these might just as well be doing duty in Canada as elsewhere. In the event of war they could be relieved by Canadians, raised for a short term, as in the case of the Halifax garrison, should the seat of war be far removed from Canada, while should it be within our own borders the necessity would be for more British troops than the existing force by a hundredfold."

"For the sake of another link in the chain of British connection; for the sake of the requirements of our forces here, for the sake of the strengthening of the military power of the Empire as a whole, -leave the present garrisons in Canada, and use the money which the maintenance of Canadians in their place would cost for the betterment of our Dominion forces."

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BASKETBALL

CLOVERDALE WON.

At the Victoria West hall last evening junior and intermediate league matches were played between Cloverdale and Fernwoods teams. In both games the Cloverdales were successful, winning the intermediate by a score of 23 to 9, and the junior by 19 to 7 points. As will be seen, the Fernwoods were outclassed. If they hope to stand any chance in the struggle for the pennant their teams must be strengthened considerably.

STANDING OF LEAGUES.

Team	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Victoria West	1	0	0	0
Fifth Regiment	0	0	0	0
Cloverdale	1	0	0	2
Fernwoods	0	1	0	0
Y. M. C. A.	0	0	0	0
J. B. A. A.	0	0	0	0

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Victoria West	1	0	0	2
Fernwoods	0	1	0	0
J. B. A. A.	0	0	0	0
Y. M. C. A.	0	0	0	0

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

MATCH TO-DAY.

A league match is in progress this afternoon between the Victoria West and Victoria United teams at Oak Bay. They commenced at 3 o'clock. The respective teams were published in these columns yesterday.

GAME FOR MONDAY.

As announced in these columns yesterday, a game will be played on Monday between the Victoria United and Victoria West teams. This will be the last league game these teams are scheduled to contest.

If Victoria United wins, the championship will be decided with the Garrison eleven. Should the locals prove victorious in this latter game the teams will be an even standing, and another match will have to be arranged to decide the question of supremacy.

Monday's game will start at 10.30 o'clock in the morning on the Oak Bay grounds. Following are the respective teams: Victoria United: Goal, Finlaison; full-backs, H. A. Goward and S. Lorimer; half-backs, K. Hughes, J. Thomson, W. Lorimer; forwards, B. Tye, L. York, J. Cornwall, C. Berkeley, and J. Lorimer. Victoria West: Goal, Rolter; full-backs, Ishister and Jones; half-backs, Proving, O'Rourke and Harper; forwards, Lewis, O'Donnell, Jasper, Burgess and Constable.

FRIENDLY CONTEST.

A friendly game is being played this afternoon between the Garrison team and a Victoria West second eleven, on the Work Point barrack grounds.

VICTORIA WEST TEAM.

To the Sporting Editor.—Re the Victoria West Athletic Association team as published in your columns of last evening, I should like to point out the error of such a team representing the home club. The team as published is composed of the following: Six soldiers from Work Point; two men from Victoria; one from Esquimaux; one from Lewis (Poller) alone being a resident of Victoria West or a member of the Victoria West Athletic Association. It is not surprising that this so-called Victoria West team is consistently one in the fact of losing every league match, and will continue to do so when such players as Lewis (total) are not as well as they are. It is a pity that such a team should be chosen by the Victoria West players to represent them in league matches. The two Esquimaux players are useful men; the Victoria West player is capable of putting up a good game; the Lewis player is a promising one; and the Esquimaux player is a promising one; but they are not a team, and they are not a team. It is a pity that such a team should be chosen by the Victoria West players to represent them in league matches.

COWICHAN WANTS GAME.

A communication has been received by H. Dalby, secretary of the Victoria club, from the Cowichan team asking for a match to take place some time in January at Duncan. The question has been considered and it is proposed to accede to the request. In all probability the game will be played on the 21st of next month.

HOCKEY.

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HANDBALL.

THE FINAL GAMES.

Only the finals in the J. B. A. A. tournament remain to be played. The leading teams are the Peabody and Hart teams, and the Esquimaux and Lewis teams, and the last struggle between these teams should prove a splendid exhibition. According to their respective standings the former couple has played eight, won seven and lost one game, while Messrs. Jost and Finlaison have played eight, won six and lost two games. The result of the final game will be of great importance, as it will determine the champion of the province.

THE RING.

OAKLEY AWARDED DECISION.

The propensity for fouling which T. Neillings, of K. G. A., displayed to a marked degree, got the better of him in the glove contest at the Savor's last night and he lost to Jimmy Oakley, of H. M. S. Shearwater, in the fifth round. The match was announced for 15 rounds, but it is questionable if it would have lasted that long, even had the soldier not lost his head with the wrong time. Of the quintet of installments that did take place, Oakley apparently had the honors, but they did not rest very firmly upon him, for the Tommy developed surprising recuperative powers in the face of the considerable pasting he received.

The sailor had the advantage in weight and built. As a matter of fact Oakley is splendidly built, and fights in the good old English style, scoring the covering tactics which seem to be the vogue, but which always disgust the spectators. Neillings can hit hard enough to fell anybody if he lands, but he has himself as if he wasn't quite positive whether he is fighting on his feet or on his head. He is a very unsatisfactory man in his ring, spends too much of his time in his corner, and seems to act on the principle that "the star who gets his right in first" whether in a clinch or not, is the man for the game.

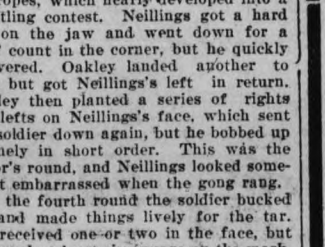
In the first round last night Oakley drove Neillings into his corner, where he remained for several seconds. Had the corner been half a mile distant he would have been removed from the ring in a few minutes. He is a very unsatisfactory man in his ring, spends too much of his time in his corner, and seems to act on the principle that "the star who gets his right in first" whether in a clinch or not, is the man for the game.

In the second act Oakley, faithfully carrying out the stage whispered instructions of his second, Mickey Welch, paid his respects to Neillings' kidneys, which he hammered several times, while the soldier was busy protecting his face.

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Following are the respective teams: Victoria: Full-back, K. Gillespie; three-quarters, Schofield, Gillespie (H.), Talbot and Patton; half-backs, Gillespie (A.), and J. Bray; forwards, Cornwall, Barnele, Menzies, Forsythe, Newcombe, Kennedy, Macrea (captain), and Tanager. Vancouver: Full-back, Watson; three-quarters, Marpole, Jenkins, Johnston and Flood; half-backs, Sawyer, Dempster or Bajus; forwards, Botersell, Brenton, Ritchie, McCaughy, Piggott, Hugh Springier, Mclean and Worsnop (captain).

FUTURE OF MOROCCO.

Who Will Command the Straits of Gibraltar?

The outcome of the recent Anglo-French convention will probably be a definite French and Spanish control over Morocco, and the disappearance from the map of the last completely independent, indigenous Mohammedan state in Africa. So far as the British Empire is concerned, there has been a renunciation of any tacit or expressed aspiration to control or educate the Moorish Empire. Fleet- ing efforts were made under the Conservative administration, which left office in 1892, and under that which has prevailed since 1895, to regenerate Morocco. Something very like a British protectorate was offered through Sir Chas. Euan Smith in 1892, without sufficient thought being taken as to the opposition which France would make directly, or inspire indirectly through local factions. Latterly, we have had the sensational visit to England of the Moorish Vizer, Al Matabih, and the project for the regeneration of the Moroccan army under a British commander-in-chief, who should firmly establish the government of the Sharifian Emperor over the whole of his acknowledged dominions.

It cannot be said so much that these attempts resulted in failure, as that they had been undertaken too half-heartedly to command success. Whether in these actions the British government was pursuing a wise policy or not, we still know too little to determine. It should have been so obvious all along to far-sighted statesmen that a British-controlled Morocco was impossible in the face of a presidential measure on the part of the French Empire in North Africa, that one would question the morality of inspiring false hopes amongst the Moors of eternal resistance to French domination, were it not that the problem is further complicated by reasons of strategy connected with the Straits of Gibraltar. We should not be too hasty in judging the British government, in case the still narrower and more important Straits of Gibraltar should pass under the control of either of those powers.

Who Will Command the Straits of Gibraltar?

This question, so vital to the existence of the British Empire in the East, still remains without a definite solution that would comfort our fears. In the vague acceptance of a future French protectorate over Morocco, there has been no doubt some reservation of Spanish rights and of satisfaction to Spanish settlement. So far as the regeneration of Morocco is concerned, one would have preferred the bulk of that empire being handed over to the definite tutelage of a single European power, preferably France, seeing how admirable France has accomplished a similar task in Tunis. England has been precluded by the not unnatural jealousy of the rest of the world from attempting to do in Morocco what she has done in Egypt.

But Spain could not witness unmoved a continuous stream of French coast opposite her southern shores, scarcely broken by the defenceless promontories and islands over which the Spanish flag floats at the present day. Therefore we must expect to see when the anarchy of Morocco can no longer be endured—Spain occupying a strip of the Rif coast from the mouth of the River Muluya to the middle of the Straits of Gibraltar, including, perhaps, the town of Tetuan. This arrangement still leaves unsettled the fate of Tangier, which, with one or two other towns on the Atlantic coast of the Tangier-Tetuan peninsula, is, we are told, to become a "free city," just as we are also assured that by the terms of this convention there are to be no fortified places maintained on the Straits of Gibraltar (except Ceuta).

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This seems to the present writer the most unsatisfactory part of the arrangement. The world at large would hardly be content with seeing such a powerful nation as France or Britain controlling the Atlantic entrance of the Straits of Gibraltar. All agreements as to non-fortification are fruitless. Such stipulations have never availed to prevent the nation holding the territory from fortifying as much as it liked. Free cities are generally hotbeds of intrigue and inquiry; it would have been, in my humble opinion, a safer proceeding to have invited Portugal to be a party to these two conventions, and to have reciprocated

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THE PAUL JONES.

United States Torpedo Boat Destroyer Arrives at Esquimalt.

The United States torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones entered Esquimalt harbor and dropped anchor this morning. She arrived from the Sound, where she belongs to Uncle Sam's North Pacific fleet, which has its headquarters at Bremerton. The Paul Jones is a vessel of the usual four-funnelled type. It bears a historic name, the name of a courageous fighter, whatever else might be said of him. Paul Jones (original name, John Paul) was a Scotsman who forsook his country and led an eventful career in the service of France and the United States government, being particularly active during the war between Great Britain and her American colonies. His principal achievement was the capture of the British warships Serapis and Countess of Scarborough, off Flamborough Head. Jones was on the Bon Homme Richard, his other vessels being the Alliance and Pallas. It is alleged that the captain of the Pallas, a Frenchman, did not render the assistance that was expected of him, but on the contrary fired a few broadsides into the other ships of Jones's squadron.

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PERSONAL

H. B. Cameron, of Honolulu; C. Van Horn, of Seattle; Dr. Baird and family, of Winnipeg; and W. E. Bayard and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Domolion.

W. R. Robertson, of Duncan; P. B. Wallace, of Tacoma; and Geo. E. Richards, of Seattle, are among those staying at the Victoria hotel.

Mr. H. A. Green and Mrs. H. A. Green, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. J. E. Elliott, 35 Alfred street.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. F., is in the city. He is among those registered at the New England hotel.

Thos. S. Burley, of Tacoma, and F. S. Munro, of Vancouver, are guests at the New England.

INCIDENTS OF A NOTABLE VOYAGE

OF SHIP ATTRACTING WORLD'S ATTENTION

The Minnesota's Troubles—Her Behavior as Seagoing Craft and Some Interesting Features.

With the arrival of the steamship Minnesota an important epoch in the commerce of the Pacific has been reached. The Times last evening gave some interesting facts and figures about this great leviathan in mercantile marine, but, owing to the lateness of the hour at which the tender Otter returned to port in the afternoon, some incidents in connection with the ship's arrival and of her voyage were omitted.

The day having been stormy, as was the preceding night when the ship dropped anchor in the Royal Roads, many Victorians, anxious to see the huge craft, were disappointed, comparatively few citizens being courageous enough to make any of the trips on the tender. As the Minnesota refused to stir from her anchorage, the Otter had to make several runs from the outer wharf, conveying out to the liner the Chinese crew, which has here been domiciled for the last few weeks, awaiting the ship's arrival. These men hailed with delight the end of their long confinement, and cheered lustily as they boarded the steamer in the Roads. They had been under the close surveillance of those who were responsible to the Dominion government to the tune of something like \$85,000 for their safe keeping, and were never permitted to leave the vessel in which they were detained at the outer wharf.

These men once aboard, the Minnesota turned her curious bow to the eastward, leaving for Seattle at 2:19 o'clock, a little late, but time enough, J. D. Farrell thought, to reach Seattle by 9 o'clock. It had been hoped by the citizens of that city that she would reach there in daylight, thus giving those awaiting her an opportunity of carrying out the elaborate celebration programme arranged for her reception. Five Seattle newspaper representatives were on hand to meet the ship and to describe her and report her movements, there being no such waterfront event of the kind since the days when the first Klondike treasure steamer

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here in sight, and newspaper men from Seattle, San Francisco and Victoria gathered here and vied with one another in keen rivalry.

The Minnesota has been off described, but reports of her voyage from San Francisco, of mutiny, fire, etc., aboard, had tended to excite an interest in the remaining part of the trip, and to cause a certain speculation on what might happen as the Minnesota neared her destination.

Capt. Truebridge was asked concerning these reports, and made no denial. He frankly stated that at times various members of the crew rebelled, and he had to put them in irons until they cooled down, also that on two or three occasions fire broke out in the bunkers, causing considerable trouble. "But," added Capt. Truebridge, "this is a new ship. Things like this are bound to happen. This whole ship is an experiment, and when the bunkers have been better insulated there will be no fires." Capt. Truebridge acknowledged that the coal caught fire through being too close to the boilers, a fault which can, he says, be easily rectified. On one occasion while passing through the Tropics on the Pacific, the fire assumed serious dimensions, and before it could be extinguished the whole side of the ship affected by the hot, the deck being so warm that it could not be walked on, and the fire room so deluged that the firemen had to work to their knees in water. Thanks to an excellent fire fighting apparatus, however, the flames were quenched before leaving the bunkers. Fuel added to the firemen's difficulties and to the retarding of the passage, that obtained at Coronel being of a quality that would fare up like gas when coming in contact with fire. This coal lasted no time in the furnaces.

Capt. Truebridge thinks lightly of all the troubles of the voyage, many of which were due to an obstinate crew of foreigners, and he manifested a distinct pride in his ship. The Minnesota, he says, had a tale of bad weather coming north, but heavy seas made no very perceptible difference in the even motion of the ship. All-aboard speak in admiration of this, and say that the worst she will do will lay over on her side a little. The speed of the ship on her trial run was 17.4 knots per hour, equivalent to the best that can be done by any of the Oriental fleet, but this was not maintained rounding the Horn. No attempt was made to rush the steamer, and it is possible that her greatest feat has yet to be accomplished.

In appearance the Minnesota, though massive, is no beauty. Her lines are not those of the ocean greyhound or yacht, but of the bulky freighter with straight sides, an elliptical stern, a curious blunt-like bow, flush deck fore and aft, and several stories of house work amidship, enveloping a tremendous forecastle. In appointment and equipment she has been pretty fully described. Innumerable derricks and what looks like a great flotilla of boats (naptha and row) are some of the attractions that first meet the eye. The house perhaps takes up a third of the length of the ship, but the latter is so large that everything and more than is included in a first-class home is provided. Magnificent suites of rooms, library, smoking room, parlour, barber shop, children's play room, dining saloons and numerous other apartments are found, probably more sumptuously furnished on some of the finest ships in the world, but none more substantially.

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DIED. MUSGRAVE—At Mount Sicker, on Dec. 22nd, suddenly, after a few days' illness, Mrs. M. Joseph Musgrave, beloved wife of E. C. Musgrave.

the general public the greatest feature of all is the great size of the steamer. Although the largest carrier, the Minnesota, however, falls short of the length of the Baltic. But she will doubtless remain the largest ocean-going craft in the Pacific for many years. She will, it is said, be full of cargo on her initial trip to the Orient and the Philippines, leaving the Sound next month, but whether her huge holds can always be filled remains part of the experiment to which Capt. Truebridge probably alluded. After having read of the steamer's building and seeing her now afloat, one is apt to form a misconception of her size in water, at least an impression of this kind is gathered by those not familiar with the construction of ships. For instance while the steamer is two or three times the size of the Shawmut, one of the biggest liners visiting this coast, she does not look it, and only after inspecting the ship can one come to any correct view of her great dimensions.

The Great Northern Steamship Company in operating the Minnesota successfully will demonstrate to the world the enormous potentialities of the Oriental trade, revealing to the eyes of many a field of speculation the most imaginative had not dreamed of.

LADNER NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Ladner, Dec. 22.—(The Westham Island football team gave a pleasant social dance on Friday, 16th instant, in Kirkland's hall, Westham Island.)

Mrs. J. Matheson entertained a company of young people on Friday, 16th instant, at her home.

T. E. and Mrs. Ladner will spend Christmas in Victoria.

Bert Arthur is seriously ill with pneumonia.

W. J. Baudrich is around again. Henry Jordan met with a serious accident on Monday last by being thrown from a cart. He received several bad bruises.

H. K. Wright, of the R. B. C., returned on Monday.
A. W. Hyndman, of the Royal Bank of Canada, returned to Vancouver on Tuesday.

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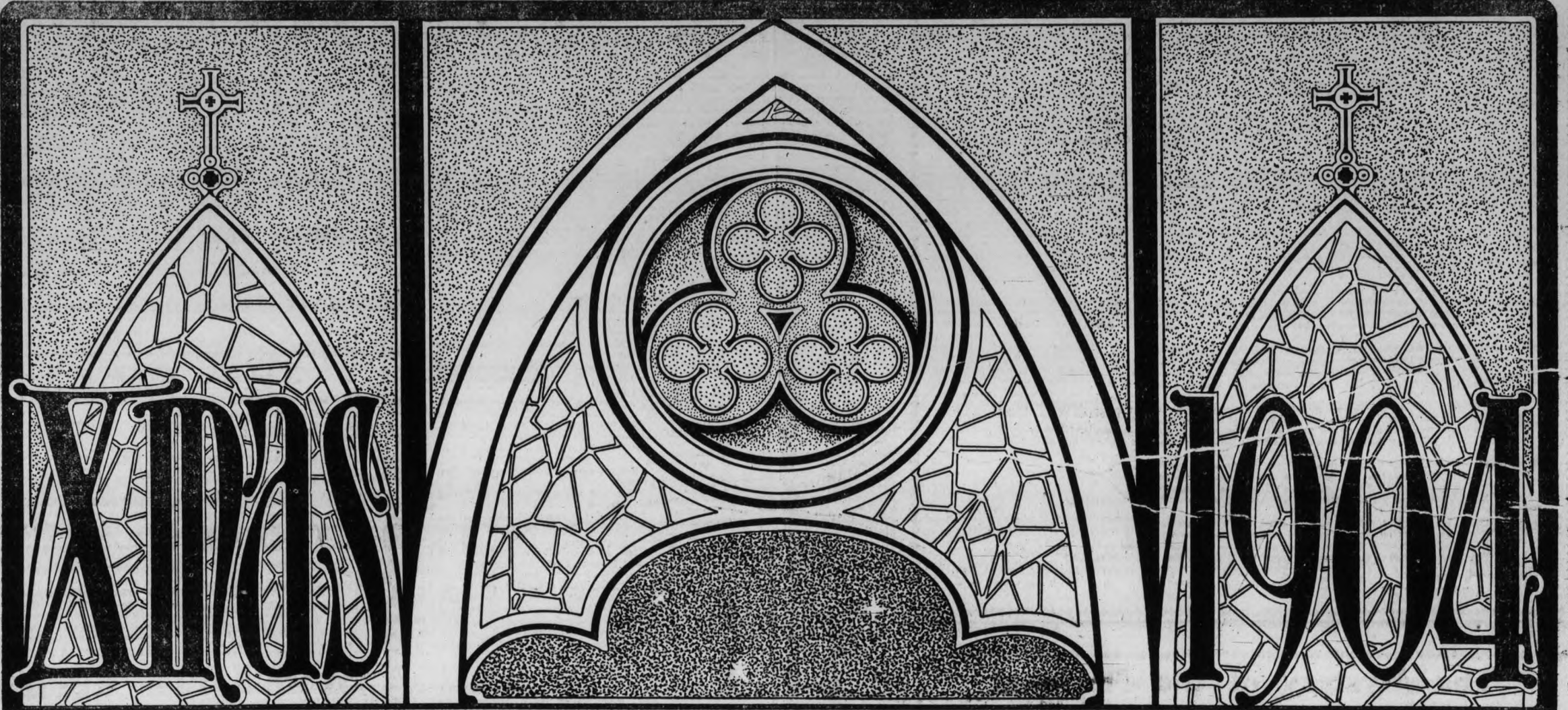
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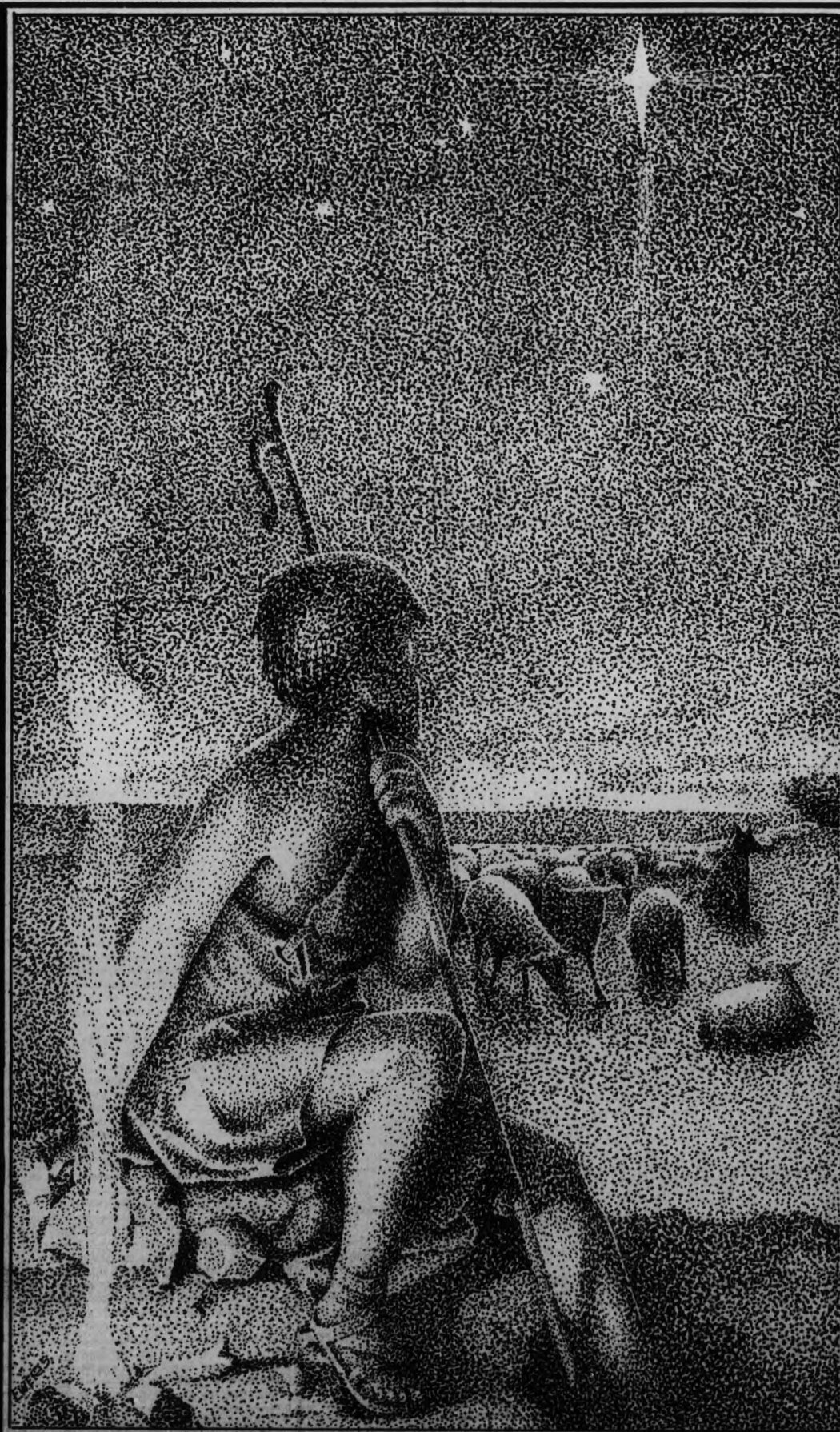
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